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Commune Concilium tentum in Camera *Guihaldæ* Civitatis *London*, Die *Mercurii* Decimo Septimo Die *Junii*, Anno Domini 1724, Annoq; Regni Domini noſtri *Georgij*, nunc Regis Magnæ *Britanniæ*, &c. Decimo. Coram *Petro Delme* Mil', Majore, Civitat' predict' *Samuel' Garrard* Bar', *Gilberto Heathcote* Mil', *Carolo Peers* Mil', *Joanne Fryer* Bar', Aldermannis ejuſdem Civitat', *Willielmo Thomſon* Mil', Recordatore Civitat' predict' *Georgio Merttins* Mil', *Edwardo Becher* Mil', *Roberto Baylis* Amig', Aldermannis ejuſdem Civitat', ac *Edwardo Bellamy* Armig', Aldermanno & un' Vicecom' Civitat', predict' necnon majore parte Communiariorum ejuſdem Civitat' in eodem Communi Council' tunc & ibidem aſſemblat'.

An ACT *for Raiſing, Levying, and Collecting the Sum of* Two Thouſand Pounds *for One Year, upon the Perſonal Eſtates of the ſeveral Inhabitants within this City and Liberties thereof, payable to the* Orphans *and other Creditors thereof.*

WHEREAS in and by a late Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the Relief of the ORPHANS and other Creditors of the City of *London*, it is amongſt other things enacted, That for and towards the Raiſing a perpetual Fund to pay the yearly Intereſt of Four Pounds for every Hundred Pounds Principal Money, and Intereſt thereof, and proportionably for any greater or leſſer Sum due to any Orphan or other Creditor of the ſaid City, or the Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns of any ſuch Orphan or Creditor, That from and after the Twenty fourth day of *June* in the Year of our Lord God 1694. the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of the ſaid City ſhall and may, and they are required yearly to raiſe the Sum of Two thouſand Pounds, by an equal proportionable Aſſeſſment upon the Perſonal Eſtates of the ſeveral Inhabitants

bitants within the ſaid City and Liberties thereof to be yearly, Aſſeſſed, Collected, Received and Paid, or in default of Payment, diſtrained for in ſuch manner as the ſaid Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens in their Common-Council aſſembled, or otherwiſe, ſhall from time to time annually direct and appoint:

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Right Worſhipful the Aldermen his Brethren, and the Commons of the ſaid City in Common-Council aſſembled, That the ſaid Sum of Two thouſand pounds be rated and aſſeſſed by one entire Aſſeſſment for one whole year, to commence from the 24th day of June in the year of our Lord 1723. in ſuch manner as is herein after directed, upon the Perſonal Eſtates of the ſeveral Inhabitants within the ſaid City and Liberties thereof, and according to the ſeveral and reſpective Proportions ſet and appointed on the ſeveral and reſpective Wards of the ſaid City hereafter following, (That is to ſay)

	l.	s.		l.	s.
Alderſgate Ward within,	22	10	Cordweyner Ward,	46	10
Alderſgate Ward without,	44	10	Cornhil Ward,	56	10
Aldgate Ward,	96	10	Cripplegate Ward within,	80	10
Baſſiſhaw Ward,	34	10	Cripplegate Ward without,	60	10
Billingſgate Ward,	56	10	Dowgate Ward,	44	10
Biſhopſgate Ward within,	66	10	Farringdon Ward within,	128	10
Biſhopſgate Ward without,	67	10	Farringdon Ward without,	292	10
Breadſtreet Ward,	54	10	Langborn Ward,	116	10
Bridge Ward,	54	10	Limeſtreet Ward,	32	10
Broadſtreet Ward,	110	10	Portſoaken Ward,	53	10
Candlewick Ward,	43	10	Queenhith Ward,	30	10
Caſtlebaynard Ward,	64	10	Tower Ward,	135	10
Cheap Ward,	66	10	Vintry Ward,	30	10
Colemanſtreet Ward,	64	10	Walbrook Ward,	44	10

And be it alſo enacted, directed and appointed, That the Alderman, or Deputy and Common-Council-men of each reſpective Ward within this City and Liberties thereof, or the major part of them preſent (being all duly ſummoned by the Beadle or Beadles, by the Order of the Alderman or his Deputy or Deputies of each reſpective Ward, who are hereby required to cauſe them to be Summoned accordingly) ſhall on or before the 30th day of June next, meet together in ſome convenient place or places in each Ward, who are hereby authorized and required forthwith to put this Act in execution, and ſet and appoint ſuch an equal and proportionable Rate of Money upon the Perſonal Eſtates of every Inhabitant within ſuch Ward, as that the ſaid Aſſeſſment may produce that Sum of Money which every Ward reſpectively is rated at, or appointed to pay as aforeſaid, on or before the 6th day of July next. And that the ſame, when rated and aſſeſſed, they ſhall ſubſcribe with their Names, and ſhall nominate and appoint Two or more able perſons (Houſholders within ſuch reſpective Ward or place) to collect, levy and pay the ſame to the Chamber-

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lain of the said City for the time being, and to deliver to such persons (who shall be so nominated and appointed) a Duplicate of such Assessment so subscribed; which said persons so to be nominated and appointed, shall collect and levy the same accordingly.

And the said Assessors shall on or before the 23d day of July next, deliver to the Chamberlain of the said City for the time being, the Names of the several Collectors so by them appointed, together with the several Sums of Mony they respectively stand charged with. And for the true Collection and Payment of the Moneys which shall be so collected, to the Chamberlain of London for the time being, for the use aforesaid, such Ward or place wherein they are so employed shall be answerable; which said Chamberlain shall give Acquittances gratis to the said Collectors for all Moneys of them received, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge for so much unto every such respective Collector. And the said Collectors are hereby required and enjoined to levy and collect the same Rates and Assessments according to the Duplicates thereof by them received, and to make demand of the said Rates and Assessments of the parties themselves, or at the place of their habitation or last abode; and to pay the same to the Chamberlain of the said City on or before the 22d day of August next.

And be it further enacted and declared, That if any Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect, for the space of five days after such demand, to pay any Sum or Sums of Money whereat he, she, or they, shall be rated or assessed, that then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Collectors, or any of them, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, for Non-payment thereof, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the Lord Mayor of this City for the time being, or any other of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for this City and Liberties thereof (which said Warrants shall be given gratis) to levy the Sum or Sums so rated and assessed, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay; and the Distress so taken to sell and dispose of, and thereby to raise the Sum assessed on such Person or Persons, and also to deduct thereout the reasonable Charges of taking and keeping such Distress, returning the overplus (if any) upon demand, to the Person whose Goods shall be so destrained. And in case of resistance or refusal, all Constables of this City and Liberties thereof, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to the said Collectors in the execution of the Premisses.

And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That the Deputy and Common-Councilmen of each respective Ward, or the greater part of them present (being all duly Summoned in manner aforesaid) shall and are hereby authorized and required on or before the 25th day of September next, to call before them the Collectors within such respective Ward, and to examine them, and assure themselves of the full and whole payment of the particular sum and sums of Money charged within and upon such Ward, and of the due payment thereof into the Hands of the Chamberlain of London, to the end there may be no failure of the

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payment of any part thereof: And in Case of any failure of the Premises, the Deputy and Common-Councilmen of such Ward are hereby authorized and required to cause the same to be forthwith re-assessed, levied and paid, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

And it is also further enacted and declared, That if any Person or Persons so rated or charged, do find him, her or themselves agrieved with such Assessing and Rating, and do within Five days next after demand made of the Sum or Sums of Money assessed on him, her, or them, complain to the Deputy of such Ward wherein they are Assessed: In every such Case the Deputy with the Common-Councilmen of such Ward, or the major part of them present (being all duly Sumon'd as aforesaid) shall and have hereby power, within five Days next after such Complaint, to hear and determine all such Complaints, and either affirm or relieve against such Assessment, as they shall see cause.

And if any Collector or Collectors as aforesaid, appointed or to be appointed, shall neglect or refuse to serve, or to perform his or their Duty in the speedy and due execution of this present Act, every such Collector or Collectors shall for every such neglect or refusal forfeit and lose the Sum of five Pounds to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City of London.

And if any Collector or Collectors who shall by virtue of this Act be appointed for the receipt of any Sum of Money hereby to be assessed, neglect or refuse to pay any Sum or Sums of Money which shall be by him or them received as aforesaid, and to pay the same as in and by this Act is directed, and shall detain in his or their Hands any Money received by him, them, or any of them, and not pay the same at such time and place as by this Act is directed, or shall pay any part thereof to any person or persons, other than to the said Chamberlain, that every such Collector shall forfeit for every such Offence double the Sum of Money by him so wrongfully paid or detained to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens.

And be it further ordained and enacted, That if the Deputy or Deputies and Comon-Councilmen of any of the Wards within this City shall refuse or neglect to deliver to the Chamberlain of this City for the time being, by the space of Ten Days next after the said 23d Day of July, the Names of the respective Persons by them appointed to collect the said Rates and Duties respectively, and the several Sums with which they stand respectively charged, according to the directions of this Act, that then the Chamberlain of the said City for the time being, shall lay before the Committee of the City's Lands, at their next Meeting, an account of the Persons so neglecting or refusing; to the intent that the said Committee shall and may take such Course as they shall think proper and necessary, in order to compel the Persons hereby directed and appointed, to make the said Assessments, and to appoint Collectors of the same when made, and to execute the powers and authorities hereby given them.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case any Collector shall apply himself to the Committee of City Lands, for their direction in the Execution of his said Office, that then and in such Case if any Action or Suit shall be brought against any such Collector or Collectors for any Thing that he or they shall do in the Execution of this present Act, and in pursuance of such Directions, such Collector shall be indempnified therein at the Expence of this City; and that the said Committee shall and may give Directions to the Chamberlain of this City for the Time being, to lay out and expend such Money as they shall think fit for saving such Collectors harmless and indempnified from all Costs, Damages and Expences which he or they shall or may be put to for or by reason of such Suit or Prosecution.

And it is hereby further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures in and by this Act limited and appointed, shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt, to be commenced and prosecuted, in any of the Courts of Record within this City, in the name of the Chamberlain of the same City for the time being, in all which Actions the Chamberlain (in case he do recover) shall be allowed his ordinary Costs and Charges expended in and about the prosecution of the same; and if Judgment be given against the Plaintiff in any such Suit, or such Suit shall be discontinued, then the Defendant shall recover his Costs.

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